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hospital could be prevented. I have the honor to state that I have incurred an expense of \$15 for nursing, and request authority to incur an additional expense of \$16 for two suits of clothes—one for the nurse and one for the patient.

Respectfully, yours,

W. P. McINTOSH,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Case of smallpox at Pensacola, Fla.

[Telegram.]

PENSACOLA, FLA., *April 24, 1898.*

Case of smallpox reported to board of health by city physician to-day. The victim is a negro from Greenville, Ala.

HARGIS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Four cases of smallpox in Washington.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., April 22, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that 4 new cases of smallpox in Freedmen's Hospital were reported to this office on the 18th instant, all of these patients having been occupants of the ward in which the first case appeared, and during its presence there.

Very respectfully, WM. C. WOODWARD, M. D.,
Health Officer.

Smallpox in Little Rock, Ark., and vicinity.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., *April 20, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report as follows concerning the smallpox in Pulaski County, Ark.:

There have been, since the present outbreak in the county, 42 cases of smallpox. Of this number, 25 cases were in the city of Little Rock, 5 in Argenta (North Little Rock), 3 in the county, five miles southwest of the city, and 9 in the detention camp near smallpox hospital. There are at present 30 cases in the smallpox hospital, 8 in the city, and 3 in the country, making a total of 41 cases under treatment to-day.

The disease so far has been confined entirely to negroes, and no deaths have occurred. After a most searching investigation the origin of the disease in this city has been ascertained. The circumstances are as follows: Early in January a negro man and his wife came to this city from Birmingham, Ala., and the wife was just recovering from smallpox. About the 22d of February the husband had the disease. A negro woman, living near, visited the house while the negro man was sick, and afterwards moved to another part of the city, where, about March 1, she had the disease. During the sickness of the last-mentioned woman she was visited by several men, among them being two who afterwards took smallpox, one of them in Argenta (North Little Rock), and the other in the southwest part of the city, where the first cases were discovered and reported to the board of health March 30. The cases in the country are at a store, where people have been congregating daily, and therefore numerous new cases may be expected in due time.

The disease seems to be of a mild type, and on that account there is